

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20306

The purpose of this bill is to change the funding mechanism for kindergarten so that attendance is not required, thus allowing school districts more flexibility in how to use state funds.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be a savings to the state of \$33 million. Kindergarten costs around \$50 million (in 2009 the costs was \$49.2 million) to fund 36 weeks. This bill reduces funding to 12 weeks or about 19 percent of first grade enrollment.

First grade funding (\$85.2 million x 19 percent = \$16.2 million)

The difference between \$49.2 million and \$16.2 million = \$33 million

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